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In re application of: von Düring

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to a first action on its merits, please consider the following:

In the Claims:

All pending claims have been reproduced below for the convenience of the Examiner.

Please **AMEND** claim 1 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A lithium flat battery consisting of a first housing part accommodating a first thin-layer electrode, a second housing part accommodating a second thin-layer electrode, and a separator placed between the electrodes, characterized by the fact that the housing parts of the battery are built of electrically conductive, that the separator presents electrically insulating sealing and bonding material in the area where both housing parts are in contact with each other and that the housing parts are united by the sealing and bonding material on the separator thus forming through him a closed housing.

Please **CANCEL** claims 2-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **ADD** new claims 9-29 as follows: